

Key Early Learning Program History

Program Title	Description
<i>Special Needs Project</i>	Special Needs Project was implemented in FY 2005-06 and ended in June 2009. It provided comprehensive developmental and health screening for young children and their families. In addition, the program emphasized improved service utilization for children with disabilities and increased opportunities to participate in high quality inclusive programs.
<i>School Readiness</i>	School Readiness was implemented in 2001 and will end in 2012. It has provided a variety of direct services and supports to children ages 0-5 and their families. These include early education programs with kindergarten transition activities, parent education, access to health insurance and health care, oral health screening and treatment, developmental and health screening, family literacy programs, and nutrition education and assessments.
<i>Migrant Education Even Start</i>	Migrant Education Even Start was implemented in June 2003 and ended in December 2009. It expanded the existing California Department of Education Migrant Education Even Start Program. The Program provided educational services to migratory families. Parents received services to enhance literacy levels, expand parenting skills, and learn English-as-a-second language. Children ages 0-5 were provided early childhood and preschool services.
<i>Power of Preschool</i>	<p>Power of Preschool, a demonstration program, was designed as an investment in voluntary, free, and high-quality preschool for three- and four-year old children from FY 2005-06 through FY 2009-10. This funding established a program that provided enhancement funding to raise preschool standards and quality throughout California. The program objective was to assist preschoolers in becoming personally, socially, and physically competent and effective learners who are ready to transition into kindergarten.</p> <p>In January 2010 the State Commission approved \$19 million to extend the program for FY 2010-11. The eight counties implementing the program were encouraged to expand their services to infants and toddlers with the approved funding. The counties were Los Angeles, Merced, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Ventura, and Yolo. This funding authorization ended on June 30, 2011.</p> <p>An additional year of funding for the eight counties was approved in the amount of \$19 million at the January 2011 Commission meeting to extend the program. This funding authorization ends on June 30, 2012.</p>